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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a

Continuation application xx Divisional application

under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/512,397

filed on: February 24, 2000 for Applicant: Abdul-Ridha, et al.

entitled: "Method for Fabrication of Ceramic Tantalum Nitride and Improved Structures Based Thereon"

XX 1. The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims	For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
	Total Claims	32- 20 =	12	x \$18 =	\$ 216.00
	Indep. Claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$80 =	\$ 0
	Multiple Dependent Claims			+ \$270	
				Basic Fee	+ \$710.00
				Total of Above =	\$926.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity				
	TOTAL =				\$926.00

XX 2. A check in the amount of \$ 926.00 is enclosed for the filing fee.

3. Check No. in the amount of \$ is enclosed as a petition fee for a three month extension of time pursuant to Rule 1.17.

XX 4. Please cancel in this application original claims 1-6 and 12-20 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

XX 5. Please amend the Specification by inserting after the title, the sentence: This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/512,397 filed February 24, 2000.--

6. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 was filed in the pending prior application and such status is still proper and desired.

XX 7. The prior application is assigned of record to: Conexant Systems, Inc.

XX 8. The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

Michael Farjami, Esq.
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XX (a) The Power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

6 (b) Since the Power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the Power in the prior application is enclosed.

XX (c) Recognize as associate attorney and address all future communications to:

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XX 9. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

XX 10. It is hereby requested that any request for a convention priority made in the prior application be transferred to this Rule 1.53(b) application.

6 11. Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time pursuant to Rule 1.136, if one is needed, for the above-noted prior application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the proper application file.

XX 12. Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed application, including a copy of the oath or declaration as originally filed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed application Serial No. 09/512,397, as filed on February 24, 2000.

No amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the latest signed application, or the continuation thereof, introduced new matter therein.

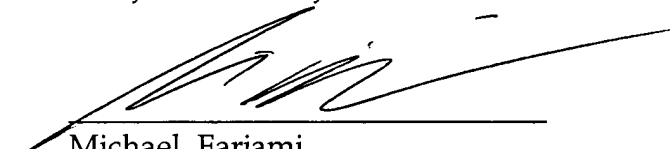
XX 13. This divisional application is classified in Class 361, Subclass 305. The parent application Serial No. 09/512,397 is in Class 438, Subclass 710 in Art Unit 2831.

XX 14. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0731. A duplicate of this authorization is enclosed.

The undersigned declares further, that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,
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